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In re Application of:

Stephen R. Griggs

Serial No. 09/879,760

Art Unit 1722

Filed June 12, 2001

Examiner: Robert B Davis

For Vacuum Detection Apparatus :

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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